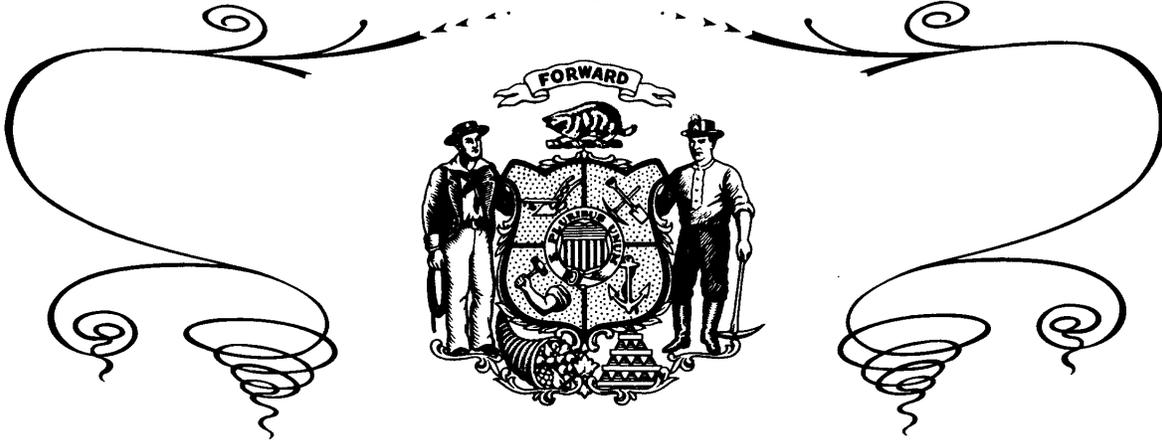


State of Wisconsin



2005 Senate Joint Resolution 12

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring March 2005 American Red Cross Month.

Whereas, the American Red Cross has an unparalleled record of helping Wisconsin residents prevent, prepare for, and respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

Whereas, last year, Red Cross volunteers throughout the state responded to 1,006 disasters and provided direct emergency assistance to 1,429 Wisconsin families. Major responses included flooding and tornadoes that impacted 44 counties throughout the state. Another 69,867 state residents took action to prepare for emergencies by participating in American Red Cross community disaster education programs; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross taught 113,790 Wisconsin residents to save lives last year in first aid, CPR, and automated external defibrillator training. Another 128,433 state residents participated in American Red Cross aquatic programs; and

Whereas, Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services caseworkers transmitted 3,124 emergency messages for Wisconsin families of U.S. military members, and provided informational briefing for 6,456 Wisconsin members of the armed forces and their families in 2004; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross served 528,268 Wisconsin residents last year through various community programs including transportation services, and initiatives for low-income, elderly, and special-needs populations; and

Whereas, American Red Cross services for Wisconsin residents were provided in 2004 by 16,633 dedicated volunteers working to carry out the Red Cross mission. In addition, American Red Cross blood donors throughout the state donated 175,689 units of blood, plasma, and platelets, which helped patients in 52 Wisconsin hospitals last year; and

Whereas, joining the American Red Cross as a volunteer, course participant or instructor, financial contributor, or blood donor can help make Wisconsin safer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim the month of March 2005 as American Red Cross Month in the state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

Resolved, That as we celebrate American Red Cross Month, the members of the legislature call upon all our citizens to become partners in emergency preparedness with their local American Red Cross chapters and to become active participants by giving time, financial contributions, and blood to support this worthy organization's mission to prevent and relieve suffering and save lives; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the American Red Cross.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk